

# AVONDALE PARK & ST ANNE'S FEDERATION OF SCHOOLS

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NEXT SCHOOL HOLIDAY: **MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2018 - FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018**

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT HOLIDAYS SHOULD NOT BE BOOKED IN TERM TIME**

## Events happening next week

Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	-Existing Nursery children return to school -Mary and Tim's Y6 class at Into University all week -Connor's Y3 Class going swimming. Returning to school at 4.00pm
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	-Y5 taking part in 'Portals to the Past' workshop all day -Reception Classes entry point to 'Family and Friends' project: Reading Morning 9.00am -Daisy's Y4 Class swimming. Returning to school at 4.00pm
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	-Curriculum Workshop for parents in Y5 and Y6 – led by Jo Barclay and Mary Orr Deas, Phase Leaders for Upper Key Stage 2: 9.10am -Nick's Y4 Class swimming. Returning to school 3.30pm -Staff training for all staff. 3.30-4.30pm Please note, the school office will close at 3.30pm for this day
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	-Curriculum Workshop for parents in Y1 and Y2 – led by Katie O'Sullivan, Phase Leader for Key Stage 1: 9.10am -Y1 classes working with Polka theatre taking part in a puppet making workshop in school
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Russell's y6 Class visiting City Hall

## News and Reminders

### WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to our new school year 2018-19. I do hope that everyone has had a good summer and managed to enjoy some rest and relaxation. We have had an excellent 3 days this week, with children returning smart in their uniforms and ready to learn. All classes have agreed behaviour contracts and we have spent time re-iterating our expectations re learning, behaviour, treatment of others and moving around the school. It has been a great start – well done everyone! We look forward to another positive school year.

### WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

As usual at this time of year, you will have noticed some new staff faces in our school: **Niamh Lennon** is one of the class teachers in Year 1 and **Laura Wakefield** in Year 2. **Ciara Forde** has also joined our teaching staff and she will be teaching computing across the school. New support staff are **Ellie, Emma, Sarah and Verity**; and they are working in Key Stage 2. We welcome all of these people to our team and look forward to working with them.

### HOME LEARNING AND READING

**Home learning** for Y1-Y6 will begin today. Please support your child and ensure that he or she returns it on the correct day. Please note, there are no 'Home Learning' clubs running at the moment **Reading books** will go home from Monday of next week so again, please find time to read with your child or set aside time for him or her to read by themselves if capable; and ensure that books are returned regularly and consistently. Let's start as we mean to go on!

### BREAKFAST CLUB

There are limited places available at our Breakfast Club which opens at **7.50am**. Please let the office know if you are interested in a place for your child.

### MEETING FOR Y6 PARENTS

Please note there will be a meeting re secondary transfer on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 2.45pm

### TIES

Just a reminder that ALL children in Key Stage 2 should be wearing a tie every day. Please ensure that your child is wearing his or her tie and knows how to tie it! Thank you.

### 'MEET THE PHASE LEADER' MEETINGS

We urge that parents from Y1-Y6 aim to attend the meeting for their child's year group next week (dates above). The aim of these meetings is to learn about the English and Maths curriculum and expectations this year. See you there!

### YEARLY ATTENDANCE

06/09/2017 – 19/07/2018

The overall figure for the school year 2017-18 was **94.6%**.

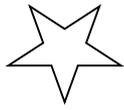
**The classes in each Key Stage with the best attendance were:**

**Katie's Year 2 – 95.5%**

**Rebecca's Year 3 – 96.3%**

**Many congratulations to both classes.**

It is disappointing that our overall figure is still well below our target and I sincerely hope that all parents this year will make every effort to ensure that their child comes to school every day and arrives on time. Governors take attendance very seriously and parents are reminded that fines may be issued if children are persistently absent.

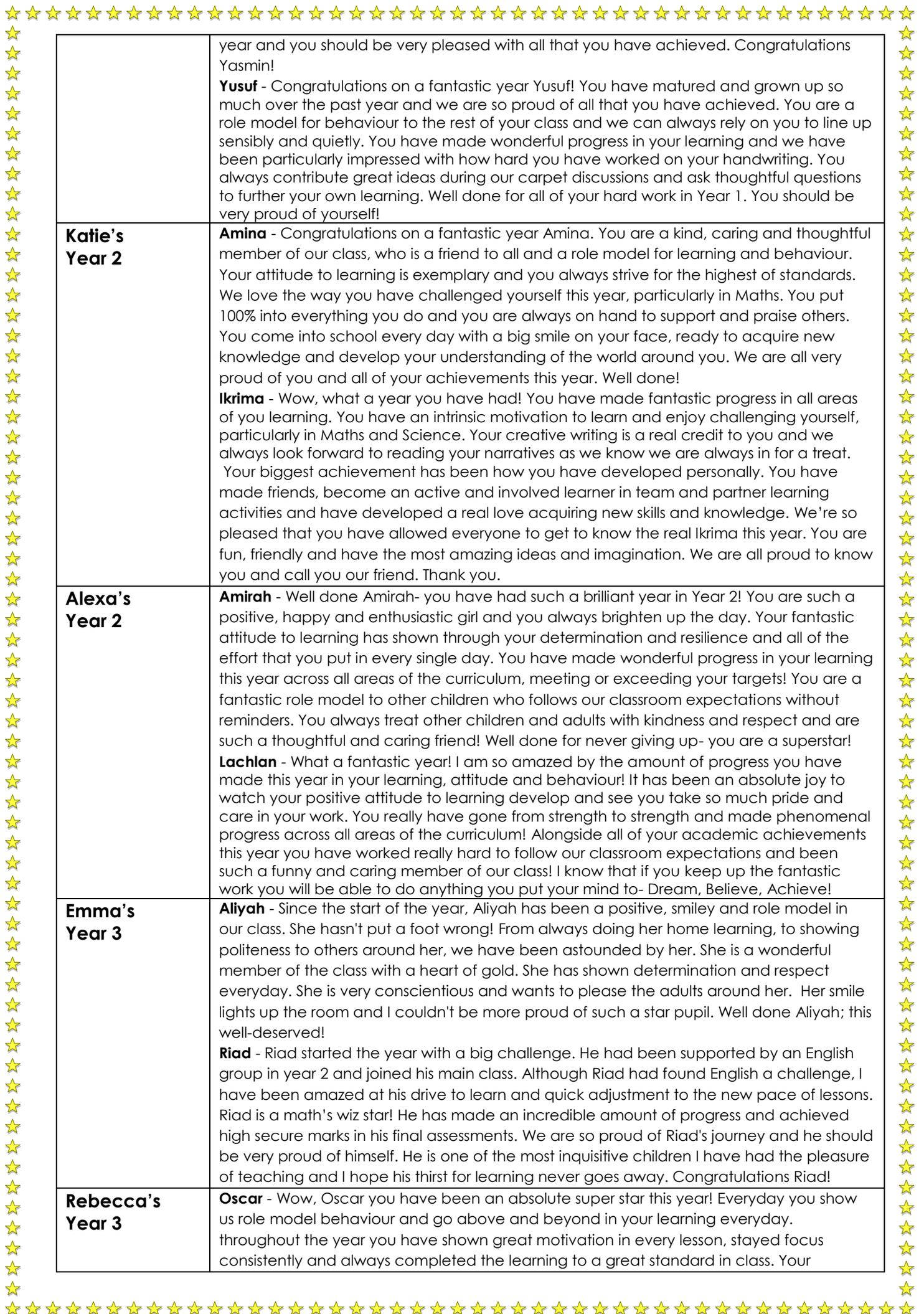


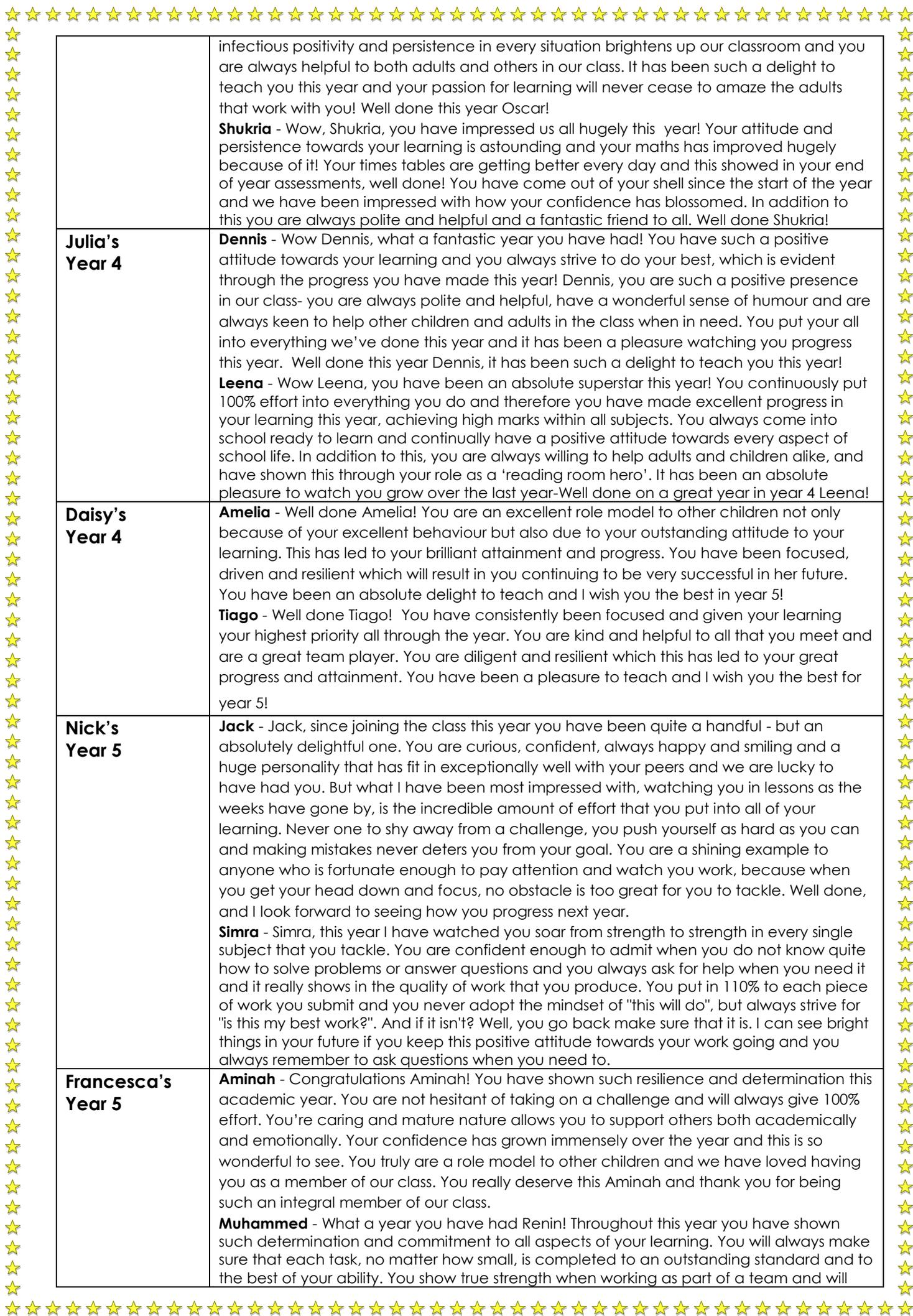
# Stars of Term

## A huge well done to you all!



<b>Nursery children</b>	
<b>Stephanie's Reception</b>	<p><b>Isaiah</b> - Isaiah you have had such a brilliant year here in Reception. You have tried your very best in all areas of learning and made so much progress. You have been a fantastic friend to all your peers in class and you always use kind words to others. Isaiah, you are especially talented at dancing and we have thoroughly enjoyed learning all the latest dance moves! You have been an absolute pleasure to have in class, Isaiah, and I wish you all the very best for Year 1. Keep up the good work!</p> <p><b>Sabina</b> - Sabina, we are so impressed that you have had such a fantastic year here in Reception. You have made so much progress in all areas of learning, especially in writing, reading and maths. You are such a happy and humorous member of the class and you always put a smile on our faces. You should be very proud of yourself, Sabina. Keep up the brilliant work and good luck in Year 1!</p>
<b>Kripali's Reception</b>	<p><b>Rochelle</b> - What a great year you have had in Reception! We have been so impressed with your enthusiasm and passion for learning! You have great listening and understanding skills and you use your language appropriately to ask and answer questions using full sentences. You have made great progress in your reading, writing and mathematical skills. You also have a creative flair and you always make remarkable pieces using a wide range of resources with such great confidence. You are a kind and thoughtful member of the class and you are always willing to help and make your peers feel happy. Well done on an excellent year Rochelle and all that you have achieved!</p> <p><b>Sofian</b> - What a fantastic year you have had in Reception! We have been so impressed with your enthusiasm to learn and how you independently choose to apply new skills you have been taught. You have made great progress in your reading, writing and mathematical skills. You are also always eager to share your knowledge and understanding and you are so quick to make links to your own experiences. You have made progress with your listening and waiting skills and you always ask relevant questions to clarify your thinking. You have developed positive relationships with your peers and are always happy to help others. You show a clear enjoyment for learning. Well done for all your hard work this year!</p>
<b>Tricia's Year 1</b>	<p><b>Camilia</b> - Camilia you have had such a great year and it has been so lovely to watch you grow into such an independent learner in Year 1. You always want to improve and achieve your very best and this has been accomplished through your hard work, consistent effort and enthusiastic approach to learning. You always give 100% in all learning opportunities; making thoughtful contributions, asking relevant questions and you soak up new teaching points to apply and up level your work. You can always be relied upon to do the right thing and I would like to thank you for being so kind and helpful not only towards your peers but the adults too. You have been a delight to teach and you should be very proud of all that you have fulfilled in Year 1. A very big well done Camilia!</p> <p><b>Joshua</b> - What a fantastic year you have had Joshua. You display such a positive attitude towards learning and your enthusiasm is infectious. You are always so attentive during all learning experiences and just bursting to share what you know. You ask lots of thoughtful questions to add to your existing understanding and you display a clear desire to constantly develop your knowledge further. I have been particularly impressed with how you have approached your targets this year and the greater perseverance you have shown to achieve your very best, particularly in your writing. Well done for all your hard work and effort in Year 1. You have been a pleasure to teach and I know you will continue to thrive with that passion and drive you have for learning.</p>
<b>Colette's Year 1</b>	<p><b>Yasmin</b> - Well done for a wonderful year Yasmin, you have made great progress in Year 1 and should be very proud of yourself. You always listen carefully during carpet discussions and even though you can sometimes be shy about contributing your ideas, when you do speak up you always add great points. It is lovely to see how you have developed into an independent learner over the past year and we can always rely on you to get on with your work sensibly and quietly. You ask questions to further your own understanding and are always trying to improve your work. You have put a huge effort into your learning this</p>





	<p>always support others without hesitation. Your resilience and perseverance have truly paid off this year, resulting in exceptional results in all of your assessments. I am continuously astonished by your learning and general demeanor. You truly deserve this Renin and thank you for being such an inspiration to all. Enjoy every moment!</p>
<p><b>Tim/Mary's Year 6</b></p>	<p><b>Ashraf</b> - Well done Ashraf! It has been a real pleasure to teach you this year. Always keen to learn, you have consistently impressed us with your ability to retain complicated facts across a range of topics. Your hard work and positive attitude has enabled you to make great progress with your learning, something which you should be extremely proud of. You get along well with your peers and are courteous to adults. Congratulations on a fantastic year Ashraf – we are certain that you will continue to shine at secondary school.</p> <p><b>Hannan</b> - Hannan, you are a kind, focused and polite member of our class. Over the course of the year, you have made fantastic progress which is due to your consistent hard work and determination. You are always helpful and supportive of others which are such great qualities to possess. In recent months, we have seen your confidence grow, which has been lovely to witness. We are all extremely proud of your achievements - your secondary school is very lucky to have you. Congratulations!</p>
<p><b>Russell's Year 6</b></p>	<p><b>Hassaan R</b> - It has been an absolute pleasure having you in the classroom this year. From the very first day you started, you have been enthusiastic and excited by all that we do in lessons. This type of attitude to learning is something very valuable and will certainly help take you far in life. Keep it up next year! Well done Hassaan.</p> <p><b>Charlize</b> - Wow Charlize! What an incredible year you have had. It has been fantastic to see you mature and grow as a person and put 100% into all of your learning. You have made some amazing progress and your attitude has helped others around you. You should be very proud of the year you have had. Well done Charlize.</p>

**“IN IT TO WIN IT” ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY AWARD**  
**THE WINNER FOR LAST WEEK**

**Breakfast Club**

We currently have spaces for September at our Breakfast Club. If you are interested please speak to Michele or the school office. Thank you